

Claims

1. A content reception terminal apparatus for writing  
a digital work received from an external distribution  
5 apparatus to a portable recording medium which has a  
storage area, comprising:

10 a reception unit operable to receive an encrypted  
digital work encrypted using a content key and the content  
key from the distribution apparatus, the encrypted digital  
work belonging to one of a plurality of categories, and  
all encrypted digital works belonging to a same category  
being digital works made up of a same logical data  
structure,

15 a distinguishing unit operable to distinguish a  
category to which a received encrypted work belongs,

a key encryption unit operable to encrypt the  
received content key using a key unique to the  
distinguished category, and generate the encrypted content  
key, and

20 a writing unit operable to write the received  
encrypted digital work and the generated encrypted content  
key to an area assigned to the distinguished category in  
the storage area of the recording medium.

2. The content reception terminal apparatus of Claim 1 wherein

the encrypted digital work includes type information showing the category,

5 the reception unit receives the encrypted digital work which includes the type information showing the category,

the distinguishing unit extracts the type information from the encrypted digital work, and  
10 distinguishes the category using the extracted type information,

the key encryption unit uses a key unique to and corresponding to the extracted type information; and

the writing unit includes:

15 a table storage unit operable to store in correspondence, for each category, type information showing the category, and an area name showing an area in the storage area to which the category is assigned,

an area name extraction unit operable to extract the  
20 area name stored in correspondence with the extracted type information from the table storage unit, and

an access unit operable to write the received encrypted digital work to an area in the recording medium shown by the extracted area name.

3. The content reception terminal apparatus of Claim 2 wherein

the recording medium further includes an apparatus  
5 authentication unit operable to authenticate a validity  
of the content reception apparatus, the storage area  
including a authentication area,

the content reception terminal apparatus further  
includes a medium authentication unit operable to  
10 authenticate a validity of the recording medium, and

the writing means writes the encrypted content key  
to the area assigned to the distinguished category in the  
authentication area, when mutual authentication by the  
apparatus authentication unit and the recording medium  
15 authentication unit succeeds.

4. The content reception terminal apparatus of Claim 3 wherein

the recording medium further stores type information  
20 specifying a type of the recording medium;

the content reception terminal apparatus further  
includes:

a type information storage unit operable to store  
type information showing a type of a recording medium

permitting writing by the content reception terminal,  
a retrieval unit operable to retrieve type  
information from the recording medium, and

a match judgement unit operable to judge whether the  
5 recorded type information and the retrieved type  
information match; and

the writing unit prevents the writing when the match  
judgement unit judges the recorded type information and  
the retrieved type information not to match.

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5. The content reception terminal apparatus of Claim 4  
wherein

the distribution apparatus broadcasts the encrypted  
work and the content key on a digital broadcast wave,

15 the content reception apparatus is a digital  
broadcast reception apparatus for receiving the digital  
broadcast wave, and

the reception unit receives the digital broadcast  
wave, and extracts the encrypted digital work and the  
20 content key from the received digital broadcast wave.

6. A content reception method for use with a content  
reception terminal apparatus for writing a digital work  
received from an external distribution apparatus to a

portable recording medium which has a storage area, the method comprising:

5 a reception step for receiving an encrypted digital work encrypted using a content key and the content key from the distribution apparatus, the encrypted digital work belonging to one of a plurality of categories, and all encrypted digital works belonging to a same category being digital works made up of a same logical data structure,

10 a distinguishing step for distinguishing a category to which a received encrypted work belongs,

a key encryption step for encrypting the received content key using a key unique to the distinguished category, and generate the encrypted content key, and

15 a writing step for writing the received encrypted digital work and the generated encrypted content key to an area assigned to the distinguished category in the storage area of the recording medium.

7. A computer-readable recording medium recording a content reception program for use with a computer for writing a digital work received from an external distribution apparatus to a portable recording medium which has a storage area, the content reception program comprising:

a reception step for receiving an encrypted digital work encrypted using a content key and the content key from the distribution apparatus, the encrypted digital work belonging to one of a plurality of categories, and all  
5 encrypted digital works belonging to a same category being digital works made up of a same logical data structure,

a distinguishing step for distinguishing a category to which a received encrypted work belongs,

10 a key encryption step for encrypting the received content key using a key unique to the distinguished category, and generate the encrypted content key, and

15 a writing step for writing the received encrypted digital work and the generated encrypted content key to an area assigned to the distinguished category in the storage area of the recording medium.

8. A content reception program for use with a computer for writing a digital work received from an external distribution apparatus to a portable recording medium  
20 which has a storage area, comprising:

a reception step for receiving an encrypted digital work encrypted using a content key and the content key from the distribution apparatus, the encrypted digital work belonging to one of a plurality of categories, and

all encrypted digital works belonging to a same category being digital works made up of a same logical data structure,

5 a distinguishing step for distinguishing a category to which a received encrypted work belongs,

a key encryption step for encrypting the received content key using a key unique to the distinguished category, and generate the encrypted content key, and

10 a writing step for writing the received encrypted digital work and the generated encrypted content key to an area assigned to the distinguished category in the storage area of the recording medium.